

Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board
Thursday, April 17, 2014
Alabama Center for Commerce, Room 342

Board Members and ADECA Staff in Attendance:

- Terri Adams – ADECA Energy Division/Ex Officio Secretary of the Board
- Alan Boswell - International Code Council
- Jimmy Brothers - Municipalities
- Beth Chancey - Property and Casualty Insurance Industry
- Heather Goggin - ADECA Energy Division/Administrator, AERC Board
- Elizabeth Grimes – ADECA Energy Division
- Kathy Hornsby - ADECA Energy Division
- Mark Nelson - LP Gas Board
- Jack Reid - Home Builder's Licensure Board
- Sonny Richardson, Vice-Chairman - Home Builder's Association (Non-Voting)
- Shon Richey – Private, Investor Owned Electric Utility Industry
- Steve Roberson - Natural Gas Industry
- Joseph Rogers - Board of General Contractors
- Jimmy Rutland - Home Builder's Association
- Linda Snapp - American Institute of Architects
- Ashley Toole – ADECA Legal Division
- Randall Whorton, Chairman - Licensed Professional Engineers

Board Members Not in Attendance:

- Matthew Danner - County Commissions
- Sam Davis - Heating & A/C Board
- Cory Ellis - Rural Electric Cooperatives
- Sen. Cam Ward - Senate Member of the PJLCOE
- Donnie West - Alabama Joint Fire Council

Also in Attendance:

- Mel Cosgrove - International Code Council
- Greg Gilchrist – Alabama Joint Fire Council
- Joel Owen – Alabama Power Company
- Jason Reid - Homebuilders Association of Alabama

Chairman Randall Whorton called the board meeting to order at 1:00 pm, and thanked the Home Builders Association of Alabama and Jason Reid for providing refreshments for the meeting, and the International Code Council and Mel Cosgrove for providing lunch for the Board members. Jimmy Brothers moved to accept the minutes from the January 16, 2014 AERC Board meeting. Jack Reid seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously, with

abstentions from Steve Roberson, Jimmy Rutland, and Linda Snapp, who were not present for the January meeting.

Chairman Whorton introduced Jimmy Rutland as a new member of the AERC Board, representing the Home Builders Association of Alabama. Mr. Rutland will be replacing Sonny Richardson, who has served the maximum length of time allowed per legislation. Chairman Whorton also introduced Mr. Greg Gilchrist, who will be representing the Alabama Joint Fire Council on the Board pending approval of the appointment by Governor Bentley. Mr. Gilchrist will be replacing Mr. Donnie West.

Chairman Whorton called for committee reports. Mr. Jimmy Brothers reported that the Buildings Subcommittee met earlier that day, and would like to recommend that the Board vote to recognize the 2012 IECC and 2012 IRC as acceptable methods not in conflict with the 2009 IECC and 2009 IRC as adopted by the AERC Board. Mr. Jack Reid reported that the Energy Subcommittee also met earlier that day, and voted to make the same recommendation.

With those recommendations, Chairman Whorton moved to Old Business, and reviewed the recommendation provided by both subcommittees. Ms. Heather Goggin re-stated the full resolution: "This Board recognizes the 2012 International Residential Code and the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code as not in conflict with the minimum requirements in the Code currently adopted by the Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board." Mr. Brothers made a motion that the Board adopt this resolution, and Mr. Jack Reid seconded the motion. Chairman Whorton called for any discussion, and with none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Moving on to New Business, Chairman Whorton called on Ms. Goggin and Ms. Elizabeth Grimes, ADECA Program Manager, to present a potential proposal for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) State Energy Program (SEP) Competitive Award that would include voluntary energy labeling. Discussion was held with Board members expressing some potential road blocks and concerns, but no opposition was expressed. Ms. Beth Chancey offered to help Ms. Grimes with some insurance information that might be pertinent.

The next item under New Business was a discussion regarding the Certification of Consideration for the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code and ASHRAE 90.1-2010. Ms. Goggin explained that the DOE requires Certification of Consideration when they recognize a newer code as more efficient than the previous code. She said that the Energy Division provided a letter last year requesting an extension on these certifications. She stated that the Board is in agreement that Alabama clearly doesn't want to move to the 2012 IECC at this time, because at only 18 months into the first statewide energy code, making a change would be counterproductive. Ms. Goggin said that Energy Division staff has discussed it and are comfortable requesting an additional one year extension on the certifications if the Board is willing to commit to considering the 2015 IECC very soon after its release in June 2014. Mr. Alan Boswell asked why the earlier decision to recognize the 2012 IRC/IECC as not in conflict with the code adopted by the State wouldn't be sufficient. Ms. Goggin reiterated that this is in reference

The next order of business was to schedule the next two meetings. The July meeting previously scheduled for July 17, 2014, was rescheduled to July 24, 2014, with the next meeting scheduled for October 2, 2014.

Next, Chairman Whorton called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Mr. Steve Roberson nominated Alan Boswell. With no other nominations, Mr. Jack Reid moved to close the nominations, with Mr. Nelson providing the second. The Board voted unanimously in favor of Alan Boswell as Vice-Chairman, with Mr. Boswell abstaining from the vote.

Ms. Goggin announced that Alabama Power has offered to provide refreshments for the July meeting, but that a lunch sponsor was still needed. Steve Roberson with Alagasco offered to provide lunch for Board members.

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